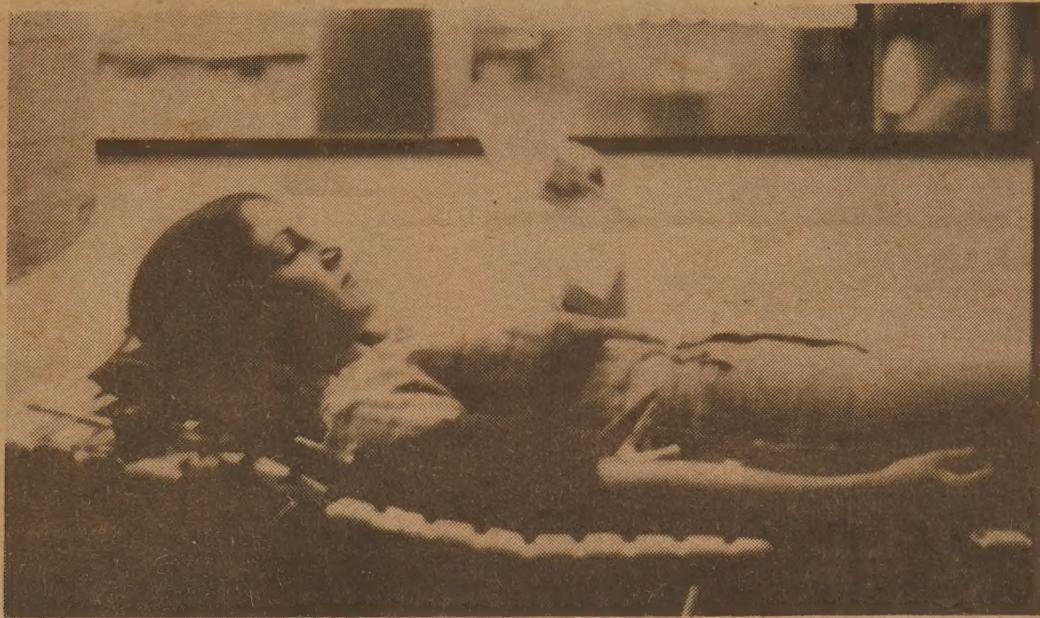


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Fill it up! Sue Greco, a first-year journalism student, eagerly surrenders her blood at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic outside the Hamilton Room March 31. Sue was one of 280 students who

turned out to give their time and needed blood so others might live. The clinic had a 47 per cent increase over last year's 192 donors.

(Photo by Youmans)

NC students donate 280 pints of blood

By SUE GRECO
Staff Writer

The Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic was a success March 31 as 280 pints of blood were donated, an improvement over last year's 192.

Eugene Maltais, political science instructor who takes an interest in the clinic, said this tied with the second highest number of blood donors in the college's history.

Donors were lined up from 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the line did not disappear until the clinic was over.

Mr. Maltais said the Red Cross was surprised and pleased with the number of first-time donors. They say once a person is a donor he tends to be one for the rest of his life.

However, the Red Cross was concerned with the length of time people stood in line. They wish to apologize for the inconvenience. The problem was that there was

not enough room to set up beds and agitators but they are working on a system so next year's will go faster.

47 PER CENT MORE

The 280 donors represent a 47 per cent increase over last year. The line was so long that students were given extra coke and juice to keep their blood sugar up as they waited.

Maria DiFelice, Student Administrative Council (SAC) secretary, co-ordinated the clinic. She said 40 students were turned down because of high amounts of alcohol in their blood, mostly due to the pub the night before, or because their veins could not be found. However, she wishes to thank all students who participated or offered to.

Mr. Maltais said the Red Cross ran out of certificates given to first-time donors.

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Blood donor winners

Ambulance and emergency care students had the highest percentage of donors at the Blood Donor Clinic and are the winners of the President's Cup.

The program had 63.4 per cent of its students come out to donate their blood. Frank Adamson is the co-ordinator.

In second place was the survey technician program with 29.7 per cent of its students donating. Tom McGuinness is the co-ordinator; in third place was the law and security administration program with 27.4 per cent of its students donating. Bruce Milligan is the co-ordinator.

The President's Cup will be presented to the ambulance and emergency care donors in the fall. The reasons for such a lengthy wait are to give time for names to be engraved on the plaque and to promote interest among first year students next year.

French language law won't affect colleges

The policy shift by the Ontario government that guarantees French education for every francophone student will not directly affect Niagara College, Nicole Vigeant, director of French languages, said.

Under the new system, each of Ontario's 185 school boards will be required by law to provide French-language schooling when requested to do so by any student or parent, even if that student is

the only one affected in the school district.

Mme Vigeant said the new system applies to school boards under the ministry of education and colleges fall under the ministry of colleges and universities.

"But there will be more French programs available here at the college in the future due to the possibility of increased enrolment in French secondary institutions," Mme Vigeant said.

Hilyer new director of continuing ed

By JUDY McEWEN
Staff Writer

Gail Hilyer, appointed director of continuing education services April 1, is definitely not the fumbling "new kid on the job."

Ms. Hilyer, 46, brings to her new position a solid educational background as well as 15 years experience at Niagara College, where she has been a manager of continuing education since September, 1981. The Niagara Falls native holds a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from McMaster University and a master's degree in adult education from the University of Toronto.

Ironically, Ms. Hilyer's first job as a probation officer—"about a hundred years ago," she chuckled—also involved arranging training activities. But, then the training was for parolees.

Of the future of continuing education, Ms. Hilyer said the school has a "mandate to provide skilled training," emphasizing high tech courses such as electronics, micro-computers, programming; repair and trouble shooting in the field of instrumentation. The federal government is "pouring money" into such programs, she said.

Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, praised Ms. Hilyer as "a dedicated educator" who will do a good job "in providing day-to-day direction for that operation."

MANY INTERESTS

Ms. Hilyer is involved in many community activities. She is vice-president of the Welland branch of the Canadian Red Cross; member of the Welland Regional Symphony Board; board member of the Niagara Victorian Order of Nurses and a member of Zonta International, a professional women's organization.

Sorry...

The Niagara News apologizes for its lean fare in recent weeks with smaller than usual editions but problems with the computerized typesetter have interfered seriously with production. We hope to have the problems cleared up before the next edition.

The Editors

Course teaches road safety to Easy Riders

By JANE STIRLING
Staff Writer

It's black, it's sleek and it's racy. It can be fun to ride with the wind in your hair, a feeling of freedom and a sense of abandonment. It can be a friend. It can also kill you.

The motorcycle! It conjures up images of motorcycle mamas, Satan's Choice and Peter Fonda in Easy Rider. Perhaps it is time for bikers to gain some respectability. Perhaps it is time to address the problem of motorcycle fatalities right here in the Niagara Region.

Gord Ronalds, chief instructor for the Rider Development Professionals, intends to do just that.

His 20-hour motorcycle safety course is designed for beginners as well as licensed riders who want to improve their skills.

12 deaths

In the past year, the Niagara peninsula had 12 motorcycle deaths. Mr. Ronalds, who was running motorcycle safety courses in Thunder Bay, was asked to start up similar courses here.

When the provincial government withdrew its funding, Mr. Ronalds went ahead anyway. He selected 30 instructors from the area and has been conducting his own public relations campaign.

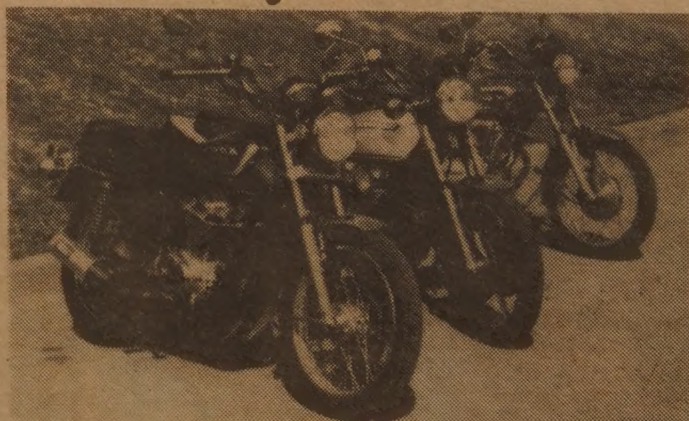
Mark Diplock, a first-year student in the electronics engineering

technician program at Niagara College, is one of the instructors. The course will teach you skills you would never learn on your own or from friends, he said.

Most of the motorcycle training takes place on the bike but there is one hour of in-class theory. Students learn the basics such as balancing and starting the bike, how to use the clutch and how to change gears. Pylon courses and more advance skills are included later. Accident prevention and emergency situations are also dealt with.

The course dates and hours are varied to accommodate as many people as possible. Enrolment is

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A row of death machines? Any future Easy Riders can learn how not to become—or cause—a motorcycle fatality by taking a 20-hour motorcycle safety course. The course will teach the basics of motorcycle handling and also accident prevention and how to handle emergency situations.

(Photo by Stirling)

Above Voyageur Block

Big bee provides energy

By THERESA GRETZINGER
Staff Writer

The moody skies over Niagara College were brightened briefly by an over-sized bee. Motionless for the most part, it sat above the Voyageur Block for two weeks awaiting the aggression of the wind to put it into motion.

As a project for the mechanical engineering technology program, the bee—which is really a windmill—was constructed by Denis Noel and Steve Marcz, third-year students.

The windmill, labelled the "Budget Windcharger" by the two 20-year-old men, hovered "about 35 feet off the top of the building" and had three blades. It was painted as a bee with teeth. This design was chosen because the only color of sailcloth they could get was yellow and it "gives a serious project a gimmick," Steve said.

Materials came to about \$600 which "came out of our own pockets," they said. In special cases the college subsidizes such projects but both young men decided to pay for the project themselves. "We figured we wanted it to be our own project," Denis said. By constructing, painting, assembling, and paying for their project, it "feels more personal."

The body and the blades are made of aircraft aluminum and the blades are covered with sailcloth. In addition to the cost of the materials, they spent money on trips to Toronto for materials and information, on mailing for material, and labor.

Nick Cioffi, co-ordinator of the program, said the windmill runs "like a car." The rotating blades



run an alternator which generates electricity to charge a battery. The main objective was to generate electricity "in order to find how it can be used differently. Electricity was the main utility." They wanted to "extract this energy from the wind" and "run a bank of light to see what pressure we could get out of it," Mr. Cioffi said.

No Wind

Due to lack of wind last week, Denis and Steve suggested that "about 2,000 students line up in the parking lot and begin blowing hard." On Saturday, April 2, however, there was a good breeze and the tower proved not strong enough. It bent at the top, so Denis and Steve tied the propellers to the tower to prevent further damage until they could repair the tower.

The main idea was to obtain "output at different wind speeds" and apply the data to possibilities of uses, Mr. Cioffi said.

When the project was assigned last October, Denis and Steve

decided on a windmill "because of the applications." It involved "a lot to do with our course: welding, machine design, mechanics and materials, drafting, and electronics."

Mr. Cioffi said that many windmill projects had been begun by students of earlier years, but Steve and Denis have done "the best job." Other projects "never made it to an installation stage. They (Steve and Denis) put long nights, trips to Toronto, and dedication into it and that's what gets it done."

The two who had a "planned-out sequence of construction and no guess work," estimated a total of 150 to 200 hours were put into the project, Steve said. They "kept each other in line" concerning sacrifice of social life but took "well-deserved breaks once in a while."

Now at the conclusion of the mechanical half of the assignment, (they still have a written assignment) they feel "great satisfaction."

Other projects underway in the program include: a mechanical arm run on air cylinders, by Sam Closimo; use of a refrigerator cycle to capture solar energy, by Kevin Kramer and Jim Fraser; and an automated block-splitter, by Dave Grimo. There are also "other smaller research projects," Denis said.

Their goal now is to sell the windmill, tower not included. "All parts are brand new" and material used is "high quality."

The windmill could be used "more for a supplement," Mr. Cioffi said, and the only knowledge necessary for its operation would be "probably basic practical knowledge to put the windmill high enough."



Awards

Four first-year manufacturing students received awards totalling \$700 for their high performance in Christmas examinations. Top, Brian Jawor, left, and Robert Furry, right, display their cheques after receiving them from George Campbell, co-ordinator, engineering technology. Bottom, John Stayzer, left, and Larry Dalcin, right, display their awards with Mr. Campbell (Photo by Barrett)

UAW leaders strive for new legislation

Justification of plant closings and Canadian content laws is essential to the welfare of Canadian auto workers, says Gerry Michaud, president of local 199 of the United Auto Workers (UAW).

Mr. Michaud and Labor Council executive Len Harrison spoke March 17 at a seminar in the Hamilton Room sponsored by the Niagara College Institute of Labor and Labor Management Studies.

Local 199, the largest union in the Niagara region, has 20 per cent of its 8,000 members unemployed.

Mr. Michaud and other UAW local presidents want government legislation accounting for plant closures.

"Companies should have to demonstrate that a plant is not viable and should deal with people it puts out of work," Mr. Michaud said.

The UAW and the Labor Council are also striving for new Canadian content laws which would

allow 50 to 80 per cent of a car to be produced, manufactured and assembled in Canada.

"Unless a larger portion of cars are built in Canada, more and more jobs will go," Mr. Michaud said. "It is very sad that we are one of the lowest industrial countries."

Mr. Michaud expressed his discontent with "run away companies" like Lightning Fastener in St. Catharines which "run themselves into the ground for 10 years then take the money and run."

The UAW leaders would like to see new laws that would force such companies to move their employees with the company when they close their plants.

Pension reform is also a major concern for the Labor Council. According to Dr. Eric Robinson, chairman of the Niagara College Institute of Labor and Labor Management Studies; there may be a problem with funding of pensions because of the increasing number of older people.

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Roving Reporter

Nancy Penwarden, dental assistant: It's ridiculous! What is this, kindergarten? There's such a high-school mentality around here.

Sue Pisano, first-year interior design: I don't think it's necessary to be told to be quiet, especially if you're only whisper-

ing. There are some people who don't know how to use a library. I guess it's necessary to have someone policing it.

David Gill, second-year financial management: I was surprised to see him at first. People are still talking though. Some people really put him to the test. If you real-

ly want quiet you can find other places to study.

Carolin Burke, second-year sales and merchandising: I don't think he's very effective at all. He's effective when standing near to you; when he goes away the noise starts up again.

How effective do you think the security guard in the library is? Do you think it is necessary to have a security guard? What would you suggest to reduce the noise?

Kathy Epp, first-year human relations: I don't think it's necessary. Any of the librarians can tell us we're noisy. I really don't have a solution to the problem.

Ray Tracy, third-year radio/television: I don't know how effective

the security guard is but I think it's going overboard. It's a little ridiculous when it gets to the stage when you need a security

guard in the library. You have to wonder who is in control. They should bring the librarians out from behind their desk.

Students positive to library security

There has been a positive reaction from students towards the security guard working in the library.

Lou Dufour who has been patrolling the library since March 8 is a little surprised with the students' behavior and overall attitude towards him. "At first they reacted a little suspiciously of me but now they realize I'm not out to arrest anyone," he said, "My job has been pretty quiet so far. I haven't had to throw anyone out or suspend anyone from the use of the library."

Foster Zanutto, director of information services, said Mr.

Dufour was hired to maintain a presence that would discourage students from disturbing the quiet atmosphere needed in a library. There had been a small minority of students at the beginning of the year who vandalized books.

"We had never encountered this at the college in such extremes before," he said.

"I am quite impressed with the rapport he has established with the students," Mr. Zanutto said. "He does not come across as a person who wants to impose his authority."

Nurses' pinning banquet

The Pinning Banquet for Mack nursing students will be held on Friday, April 29, and will include a ceremony, dinner and dance.

The location will be at Club Heidelberg, 569 Lake St., St. Catharines.

This will be the first year that a dance has followed the banquet. The first year students will pre-

sent pins to their Big Sister or Brother, who are graduating students. Bake sales were held by first year students to help raise money for the pins.

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) will provide funds for the dinner and dance with money allocated for the satellite campus.

Kees college historian

Stephen Kees, head librarian, has been reassigned to a one-year appointment as historian/archivist for the college.

Mr. Kees will collect historical information and archival material and compile a history of the college from its beginning to the present. Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said in the president's report for February. This history will be part of Niagara's com-

memoration of the 1984 Ontario Bicentennial.

Effective March 29, Mr. Kees moved to the Black Walnut building office of Al Aboud, former director of student services, while Foster Zanutto, director of information services, moves into Mr. Kees' former office in the resource centre, a memorandum from Mr. Zanutto said.

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Three win first for literature

Linda Nickersson, D. W. Sheldrake and Linda Roy were all first place winners in the fifth annual Niagara College literary contest.

Linda Nickersson, a Tourism and Attractions student, placed first in the short story category with *The Anactomine Conversion*. D. W. Sheldrake, first-year radio television student, won the best poem entitled *The Clown's Fate* while Linda Roy, third-year legal assistant student, won the best essay. Results were announced last week.

Diane Ujfalussy in second-year journalism and Hugh Sutherland in second-year general college were runners-up for short stories. Judy McEwen, first-year journalism, and Judy Moore, first-year social services, were runners-up in poetry.

Winners will be presented with plaques with their names inscribed. Both winners and runners-up will also receive scrolls.

Two new appointments for Welland Vale

Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, has accepted the position of Welland Vale campus manager with Barbara Fonfara, his executive secretary, assuming responsibilities of administrative assistant, Jacqueline Robarts, Niagara College president, has announced.

This will "give the campus a feeling that they're not second-rate," she said.

Mr. Habermehl and Mrs. Fonfara have been working together since 1974 and were co-conveners of the Celebrate Canada festival last year.

In moving to Welland Vale at the beginning of May, Mr. Habermehl will assume, in addition to his health sciences' position, the office of campus manager at the resource centre for skill development.

Mr. Habermehl will deal with the day-to-day functioning of Welland Vale. "My job as senior administrator will be to facilitate the teaching process by making

sure things run as smoothly as possible," he said.

Mr. Habermehl hastened to add he would not be taking any functions away from other staff as "teachers will still report to their respective deans," not to him.

In addition, the campus manager will provide a link between the St. Catharines campus, the president's office and the President's Executive Council.

Mrs. Fonfara will assist with the day-to-day duties and problems that arise as well as handling many administrative details.

She said she has found everyone at Welland Vale very friendly, cooperative and positive about her transfer. "I am looking forward to this move and working with the Welland Vale staff."

Commenting on Mrs. Fonfara's appointment, Mr. Habermehl said, "It's an excellent opportunity for a person who began in a support staff role to move into administrative responsibilities."

Both positions at Welland Vale were only recently established.

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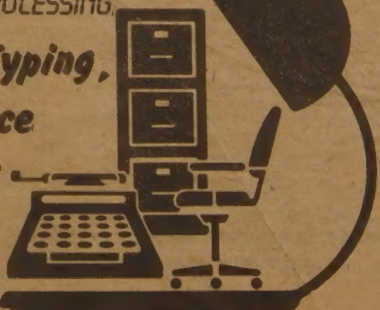


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EDITORIALS

When greed is legal

We thank second-year journalism students for making First Edition a snap. Actually the dark circles around our eyes are still deep. But without your expert advice, we would still be working on the First Edition. You really gave a helping hand. We hope we did not abuse your help. Sometimes help is offered with consideration and is taken with greed.

Why does Revenue Canada come to mind at this precise moment? Because it offers considerate help at income tax time with its simple guide book which enables any clear-thinking person to prepare his own return. Revenue Canada also provides a toll-free number with experts ready to answer any inquiries.

But Revenue Canada takes taxes with greed. Someone who has to pay taxes must pay by April 30 yet most refunds are issued in May, June or July. Some people have been known to wait a year for their refunds.

Some deductions in the return are discriminatory. For example, a working mother can declare child care expenses but a father can only do so if his wife were infirm or in an institution.

General averaging, a tax break that benefits anyone who had a sudden increase in income, has been abolished. Instead, forward averaging elective income deduction takes its place. It allows an individual to forward part of his income to a later date when his income drops, therefore getting taxed at a lower rate. Because of its calculation, it only benefits those whose taxable income is more than \$30,000. Was Revenue Canada thinking about its employees when it thought about forward averaging?

Greed has always been referred as one of the seven deadly sins—deadly to the soul; deadly to inner feelings, and sometimes deadly to the wallet. Nothing has value enough to substantiate greed.

Don Bernard

Jekyll and Hyde

It's amazing, it really is, how a person can be, on one hand, quiet, courteous and thoughtful and then turn around and act impatient, ignorant and unlawful.

This description fits many of today's drivers who are, for the most part, studies in personality contrasts.

To combat incompetent drivers, the government has made it difficult to obtain a driver's licence. Insurance companies charge high fees to novice drivers and driver education courses are highly recommended.

Yet, there are still drivers who think they are A.J. Foyt qualifying for the Indy 500.

And it's not just speeding. Ignorance of the rules of the road and, on many occasions, plain stupidity cause accidents and grey hairs for many drivers who take pride in their driving habits.

Of course all drivers are not so reckless and there are many safe and careful drivers who should be commended for their fine driving habits.

Unfortunately these drivers seem to be few and far between while the unlawful driver abounds.

All too often when a new driver gets behind the wheel, he immediately disregards all he has learned and tries to "outsmart" the police.

A lot of drivers bitch and complain about the high cost of driver insurance, but with the driving habits of many drivers, the insurance companies have no other choice than to charge high premiums.

Bill Potrecz

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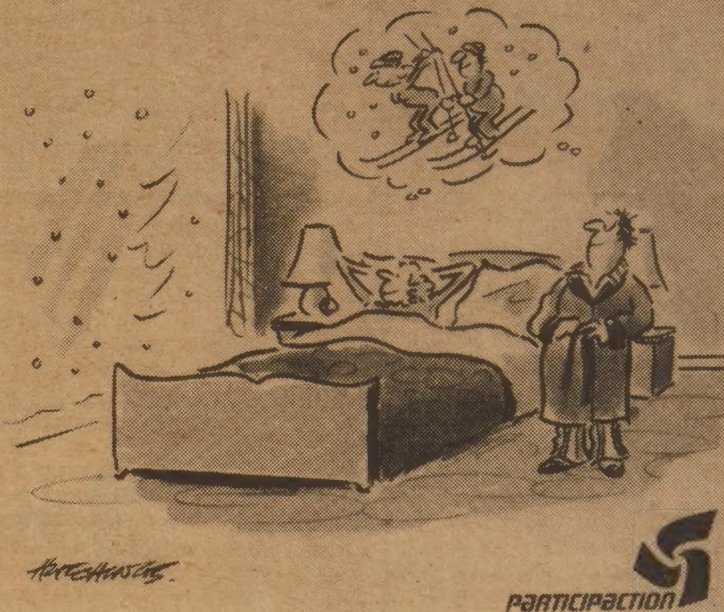
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September pilot project: shop course in French

The machine shop advisory committee gave approval for a part-time machine shop course in French starting in September, 1983, running through to January, 1984. The project is sponsored in part with Employment and Immigration Canada.

"It's a pilot project," Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French Languages Services at Niagara College, said. "The committee will

look at results after completion and will advise on a full time program."

The course will give the student complete basic in-school portion of machine shop apprenticeship. There will be two evening classes of three hours each and a six-hour Saturday class for 20 weeks.

The advisory committee comprises individual employers and two representatives from employment and immigration.

School Rules

SAC constitution revised

By RUSS DUHAIME
and SUE KMITA
Staff Writers

A new Student Administrative Council (SAC) constitution will provide a better set of guidelines and procedures to work with.

It was passed by the SAC Board of Directors on March 28 and by the student body at a general meeting on March 29.

Carmen Angi, SAC president, said, "SAC is very happy the constitution has been formally passed because of the benefits and advantages it provides for all those concerned."

He said SAC and the school administration have worked on updating the constitution for 12 months. "Every article and bylaw in the old constitution was carefully examined, and revised if necessary." The new constitution allows SAC as a corporation to run more smoothly and efficiently.

5 HIGHLIGHTS

Five highlights of the constitution discussed at the general meeting were: the elimination of the position of club convener and additional position of social convener to the SAC Board of Directors; support personnel from the college administration to act as

advisers to SAC; one representative elected from each of the four branches of the school; SAC fiscal year will end April 30 instead of March 31; and nine guidelines were set for annual SAC elections.

Carmen said the club convener position in SAC has been eliminated and the duties associated with this position will be handled by the executive vice-president. The position of social convener has been added to help arrange entertainment and ease the work load of the vice-president of internal affairs.

To create a better link between SAC and the college administration, a number of people will be available to act as advisers with matters of their particular areas, but do not have voting privileges in SAC matters. Some of the positions stipulated in the constitution are: the executive director of educational and student services; correspondence and recording secretary; director of administrative services and director of counselling services.

FOUR REPS

Four school representatives will be elected to represent the students from each of the schools of applied arts, business, applied

science and technology, and health sciences. These representatives will be able to vote at SAC meetings.

Nine specific guidelines for annual SAC elections are included. The guidelines will help in screening candidates wishing to run for elections. An election guidelines booklet will also be formed.

Under the new constitution, a quorum is constituted by a majority of students at SAC meeting. Previously 10 per cent of the student population was needed to form a quorum.

Carmen said "The process can no longer be held up by student apathy. It takes some of the worry away in trying to adopt new ideas which in the past may have been held up because a quorum could not be formed."

About 20 students attended the meeting to vote on the new constitution. Carmen said, "I was obviously disappointed by the turnout. It may be a reflection that the students were satisfied with the changes in the constitution which were publicized in the Niagara News."

He said all three motions brought to the floor were passed unanimously by the students attending.

Gambling falsities

By RENATA DINNOCENZO
Staff Writer

Since when has blackjack involved wearing a wig, false teeth and nose, lenses to change the color of your eyes and changing your name?

It has for John Randall, "The elusive gambler," since he became a professional card counter in blackjack.

Also known as John Hyde, John Kretz and a number of other names, Mr. Randall, a one-time real estate agent, became a professional card counter eight years ago.

He has been card counting, keeping track of cards, in casinos all over the world.

From Las Vegas to Cairo to London, England, Mr. Randall uses his disguises to be one up on the casinos which use cameras and house counters to watch for card counters.

His disguises include a wig made by the same person who made Tootsie's wig, and a fake nose made by the person who made Rocky's nose.

Mr. Randall even went to London, England for a face-change operation.

He is involved with a group which uses a computer to try to beat the roulette wheel.

It tracks the degree of "slowing downness" of the wheel and which number the ball will fall into. The computer even allows for the bounces of the ball.

Another computer he is involved with works with a person's foot.

Once fed the cards, it computes every possible move and gives you the best by sending impulses to the toes.

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Blood Clinic

"We weren't expecting so many. I feel the new trophy really gave a shot in the arm to publicity for the campaign."

Mr. Maltais is hoping for a 400-pint clinic next year. "It will be the best ever."

Carmen Angi, SAC president, said: "I thought this year's clinic

was a big success and a real tribute to Maria DeFelice who coordinated this SAC-sponsored event and also to all the students who came out and contributed to it."

Following the clinic, students were offered doughnuts and coffee.

SPECTRUM

Hobbies

Lifestyle

Gift of prophecy

Fortune-teller reveals all

By CHITRA RAMASETHU
Staff Writer

Some say it is an art; some reject it as an idle dream or an illusion. Still others may speak of it as if it were an altogether contemptible superstition. Shrouded in mystery, occultism exists undimmed in the gigantic ascent up the ladder of the past as well as the future. Compared to this, Wells' Time Machine is mere child's play.

In a little house on Lundy's Lane lives Marge Goodacre, 59, the fortune-teller. Dressed in black with gold stripes running down the dress and glittering against the lamp in her dimly-lit kitchen, she talks softly of her gift of prophecy. Using teacups or cards and the forgotten language of symbols and symbolism, she predicts future events.

Sets Mood

The whole world is run according to a well-defined plan. It is timed with amazing precision, she said.

It was a rain-washed afternoon. The trees with pearly rain-drops trickling through their foliage looked sparkingly lovely. As evening approached, silence seemed to descend on the outside world—perhaps a perfect setting in which fortune-tellers live, in which their mythology grows and in which the eyes of others are drawn to them.

The chief reason for the popularity of fortune-telling among young people is because they are so insecure about their future, she said. Her advice: Have trust in God and faith in yourself.

First Time

Mrs. Goodacre was about six when she first became aware of her intuitive powers. One day when her great-aunt, a mind-reader, finished her tea, Mrs. Goodacre was able to interpret the symbols formed by the tea leaves. "In a childish way I warned her that if she continued doing what she was doing, she would lose everything, but she would get it back." It happened!

There was another curious episode. Her great-aunt always maintained that she would outlive her brother. At the age of 14, Mrs. Goodacre prophesied that she would die a couple of years before her brother. She did!

One night she dreamed a doctor was taking her to a place she didn't want to go. Then a nurse came and told her that her father



MARGE GOODACRE

had died. Next day she told her family of her uncanny and uneasy dream. On June 30, 1961, her father suffered a stroke. Curiously he did not want to go to the hospital, she said. After some time he turned blue. The nurse who was taking his blood pressure said he died. The nurse in the room was the same nurse she had seen in her dream!

Married, with three daughters and a son, she said that this something extra that she possesses does not affect her personal life. "I wouldn't let it either." Then with a smile she admits has got her children and her hus-

mitted that her intuitive power band into a lot of trouble. Her children used to say, "My mother has got eyes in the back of her head."

Only Child

Tying up the seminal threads of her life, she said she was born in Dunnville in 1923 and she is an only child. She wanted to be a journalist but quit half-way. She is a great-grandmother.

Of her social life she said, "When a person comes to see me I get some sort of feeling immediately. If they are envious or jealous people, I know instinctively. I'm always two jumps ahead of them."

Of her gift she said "I'm not overly enthused about it. I feel happy when people come back and tell me what I've told them has come true." But she does not foretell the news of someone dying. "It brings unnecessary pain and hurt."

Answers

There are still a lot of unanswered questions. Occultism retains its enigma. The paradox of occultism keeps Sphinx-like, its tantalising secret. How can one solve these riddles? Perhaps one of the spirits might reveal some answers.

Mini skirts survive, on the rise again

By ANGIE PERNA
Staff Writer

They're bold, daring, exciting, and they're back for another sizzling summer plus.

The economy is down but skirts are up, catching the eyes of many male passer-by.

From casual bobbie socks and running shoes to elegant evening sandals, mini skirts add an extra seasonal pleasure to summer.

The pleasure is not only that of women, but men also lift their eyeglasses in tribute to the mini-skirt.

So, what are the men around the college saying about mini skirts?

John Kriski, a first year art student, said, I like the leather ones on well-sculptured bodies."

Don Bernard, first-year journalism student, said, "They're a great physical attraction."

Demos Theodorakis, second-

year general college student, said, "I love 'em—what can I say?"

Bill Potrecz, a first year journalism student, said, "The minier the better."

Rocco Fini, third-year business administration student, said, "They're nice...they're different...they're in style and I wish more girls would wear them, or any kind of skirt."

One who refused to give his name said, "They're all right by me, tight pants, mini-skirts, same thing."

Ian Hendry, first-year journalism student, said, "I like 'em."

Not only are the students aware of the mini skirts but the male teachers show some interest in the upcoming fashions.

Jim Weller, academic studies division teacher, said, "I never wear them...I think they're short...they're a distraction for some guys, that about covers it."

G.A. Blazetich, chairman of the academic studies division, said, "When the mini skirt revolution comes around, I always feel sorry for some girls."

Brian Green, English and communications teacher, said, "They're wonderful...I lived through the mini skirt era of the '60s and I hated when it ended...It's something for all us male chauvinists to look forward to."

Eugene Maltais, an academic studies division teacher, said, "I like 'em but I'm getting too old to remember why."

Fashions come and go but nothing gains the appreciation of the male eye like the mini skirt. They are truly daring, bold, exciting and short.

Extensive travelling educates student

By DOREEN HOOVER
Staff Writer

Travelling for most people is a chance to get away from the usual routine, but for some, travelling becomes a way of life.

Chitra Ramasethu, a Niagara College first-year journalism student, has spent a great deal of her life travelling. Chitra, born in Madras, India, has lived in Iran, Nigeria, France, Greece, Italy, Great Britain, Holland and Canada in the past seven years. Her father, S.Ramasethu, is an engineer and his work requires a lot of travelling.

"I certainly have a broader viewpoint socially and politically," Chitra said about the advantage of travelling so often.

Chitra, 20, lived in Iran from 1976 to 1978. She was sent back to India by her parents when the revolution began. In 1979, she wrote an article called, Revolution—Fiddlesticks, which criticized the Iranian revolution.

"I was frustrated at what was happening there and how the economy was going to the dogs," Chitra said. "All the common people were following behind Khomeini without asking questions." The educated Iranians were leaving the country when the revolution began.

"Khomeini is taking the country to the dogs," Chitra said. "There is rationing and food lines. He has no solution for the country. He is a tottering, old man."

Chitra's article was published in an Indian student magazine. When she visited her parents in Iran in 1979, she took a copy of the magazine with her. She became nervous when custom officials began to search her luggage. "When they saw all my other



CHITRA RAMASETHU

school books, they stopped searching. They did not find the article."

Chitra is in her third and final year of a literature correspondence course from Madras University in India. If all goes well, she will receive her university degree later this year.

Living in different countries has helped Chitra learn a number of languages. She speaks three of 19 Indian languages, English and a "smattering of French and Persian." Chitra said the languages will definitely be an aid in her career as a journalist. "It is better when you can talk to someone in his own language. Some words cannot be translated exactly and it makes an interview difficult."

She hopes to learn to speak French fluently and to live in Quebec one day. "I want to be able to report in French with the same enthusiasm as I do in English."

Chitra likes her home in St. Catharines, but she is prepared to move again if the need arises. "My dad wants to return to India some day, but I don't know if I'll go." She wouldn't mind returning to India because it is "my country" and she feels loyal to it, but "I want to move around a lot."



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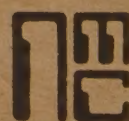
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Health care graduates to receive college pins

Eighteen students who completed their health care aid program received a college pin and congratulatory letter on Friday, March 18.

The graduating students are: Janet Bahry, Given Baily, Tina Boccabella, Linda Bartoshewski, Sandra Bunston, Leah Churchill, Lorraine Cvetkovic, Carol Friesman, Lois Gilbert, Elaine Gorchynski, Terri Knowlton, Julie

La force, Vicki Landry, Kim Nero, Isabel Perdue, Colleen Shave Louise Trottier, and Lucy Wilson.

A gathering was held in the nurses' lounge for the successful students. Refreshments were served.

The graduating students will receive their diplomas at the college graduation ceremony on June 10.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Toronto-based group The Tenants were at Niagara College March 31 performing music from their

debut album. From left are: Fraser McDougall, Dereck Gassyst, Gary Brown, Lewis Mele and Andy Mclean.

Final pub for college rocks with the Tenants

By JOHN SHERWIN
Staff Writer

Niagara College students were entertained by the "dance-wave" sounds of The Tenants at the Student Administrative Council's (SAC) last pub of the year.

The Tenants, riding high on the success of their debut album, played to an enthusiastic crowd in the cafeteria March 31.

Playing two one-hour sets, The Tenants got the audience dancing to their music, which at times resembled bands like The Police and Japan.

The band members include: Andy Mclean, lead guitarist and vocals; Gary Brown, lead vocals; Lewis Mele, bass; Dereck Gassyst, keyboards; and Fraser McDougall, drums.

Their album, simply titled The Tenants, was recorded last year in Toronto at Phase-one studios. Paul Gross, who has worked with bands like Saga, produced the album.

The album was released on Epic records in Canada on Feb. 14, and since then been released in the United States, Japan, France and England, Andy said.

The band is planning a tour of western Canada; their album is

number three on the charts in Vancouver.

Although the success of the album may prompt them to tour with larger bands, he said they most enjoy playing colleges and universities. They recently played at Guelph and Ottawa universities and are going to perform at Waterloo soon.

The band wants to stay away from the "dead-end bar scene" that so many bands get into, Andy said.

They have had to play some bars, however, just to make money. They made their Welland debut last month at The Rose Villa.

The Tenants were formed two years ago when Gary met Dereck at a party. The two had similar musical ideas, and started to play together.

A bass player was needed and along came Lewis. Andy and Fraser joined later and the band became The Tenants.

Andy said their album has already sold close to 50,000 copies. With this initial success, and a new album in the planning, The Tenants hope to break through the confines of the Canadian music industry and gain international recognition.

Who concert to be shown

The final concert of The Who will be shown at the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' year-end pub on April 15 in the Black Walnut Building.

The concert, which took place in Toronto last December, will be shown on a large screen.

Door prizes of stuffed animals and the free rental of a TV game system for one week will be

awarded to lucky students.

Food for the hungry masses—beef on a bun—will be available at a minimal charge.

The pub goes from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. and is open to all students and guests for a \$2 admission fee.

The money raised from this pub will go towards enlarging the technical library in the Mackenzie building.

End-of-year dance bash

Regroupment Niagara is having a year-end dance on April 22 at Club Social, East Main Street, Welland.

Music will be provided by a disc jockey and the night will include a Best Looking Bib contest.

Tickets are \$3 and available at French Languages Services in the Hennepin Hall.

Dan Kozar performs

By SUE KMITA
Staff Writer

Students tapped their feet and relaxed to jazz when Dan Kozar performed in the Hamilton Room on March 24. The four-man band performed top jazz songs and Mr. Kozar's own compositions which have been influenced by rock music.

Mr. Kozar, who plays the electric guitar and teaches music in Welland, has played jazz for the last seven to eight years. Before that he played blues and rock. He uses his own experiences for his themes. The time involved in writing the music varies. "Sometimes it takes two to three months to write and other times the idea comes right away."

The other three members of the band are Rodger Niznik, keyboards; Nick D'Orazio, electric bass; and Rick Tarjos, drums. The band played at Murphy's in Welland in the summer and the Cairn Croft in Niagara Falls.

His original songs conveyed the rock image. Special effects added to the originality of the compositions. The band's timing was precise and the music provided energy to about 50 enthusiastic students who watched the performance.

Carmen Angi, Student Administrative Council president, said, "I thought it was excellent and look forward to having them back at the college soon."

END OF TERM

April 27 will mark the end of winter term for almost all full-time Niagara College day students. The term began Jan. 3.

Jazz band performs for college jazz day

By RUSS DUHAIME
Staff Writer

Niagara College Jazz Band entertained an audience of 65 in the Hamilton Room during an exciting performance for the college's jazz day.

Laura Thomas, director, said she was pleased with the performance. "You are always happy with the job done after the concert is over." She said the band is at a peak having recently performed in the regional competition of the Canadian Jazz Band Festival.

They played a number of jazz favorites during the one-hour concert, including tunes by Count Basie, Chuck Mangione, Sam Nestico, Al Cobine and Rob McConnell. They also performed two of Miss Thomas' compositions.

Solos were performed by Frank Warbis, Bill Stevens and Matt Handy on saxophone, Greg Noble on trumpet, Jeff Thomas on trombone, Warren Stirtzinger on guitar, Randy Stirtzinger on piano and Mike Phelan on drums.

The concert was brought to an exciting finish when special guests Betsy Tauro and Lee Whyte accompanied the band to sing We'll Be Together Again.

Miss Thomas said the band is made up of 17 local musicians. Each year produces a slightly different band depending on the personnel. "There are many accomplished jazz musicians in the community," she said.

The band competed well against other colleges last year by placing third in the national competition of the Canadian Jazz Band Festival.

Although they qualified again this year, Miss Thomas said they will not make the trip to Calgary to compete in the national competition.

Carmen Angi, Student Administrative Council president, said he was pleased with the turnout and with the music. Jazz day also featured Dan Kozar in the afternoon and the film, The Jazz Singer after Niagara College Jazz Band's concert.



Members of the cast of The Phantom Tollbooth include, from left: Crystal Lesperance, Morris Mackanyn, Monique Lalonde, and Samantha Rumball. The fantasy production put on by Niagara College Theatre Centre is aimed at children and portrays the value of education.

(Photo by Gretzinger)

Kids can learn from fantasy

The Phantom Tollbooth, an imaginative children's play, will be presented by the Niagara College Theatre Centre from April 13 to April 26.

This magical play, written by Susan Nanus, chronicles the adventures of the young hero, Milo, and his travels in the Land of Wisdom. His journey begins when he opens a package containing a few coins, a small tollbooth, and a strange map with unusual directions. His curiosity aroused, Milo drives his toy car through the tollbooth into a weird and wonderful land. He meets many interesting characters such as the Spelling Bee and Humbug, who

become his companions, and two demons, the Senses Taker and the Everpresent Wordswatcher.

Milo is brought face to face with many trials and tribulations, and the knowledge and skills he gains along the way give him a new attitude towards learning.

The Phantom Tollbooth, an interesting and educational play, appropriate for ages seven and older, is sure to delight the child in each one of us. There will be evening performances April 14 to 16, and 21 to 23 at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are: adults \$3.50 and students \$2.50. For reservations call 735-0550 or 688-1380, extension 471.

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SPORTS

Rookie Sabre adjusts to NHL style

By MURRAY STEWART
Staff Writer

Life in the National Hockey League is hard especially when trying to make the transition from the American Hockey League. An interview with Dave Fen-

vyes, defenceman with the Buffalo Sabres, proves this. Dave, originally from Dunnville, played Junior C in Dunnville, then played with the Peterborough Petes before being drafted by the Sabres organization.

Dave said play in the NHL is

quicker and more aggressive. Combine this with the exceptional talent in the league and a defenceman must keep his wits about him.

He said the AHL teams usually have one strong line, but in the NHL most lines are quicker and more aggressive.

NHL forwards can get around a defenceman more easily and they are more likely to give that second effort which might catch a defenceman off guard. The offence is a lot stronger and there is a lot more forechecking.

Dave, who has played with the Rochester Americans, said the NHL has bigger players but the bodychecking is the same in both leagues.

He said the crowds are smaller in the AHL and when a player makes a mistake in the NHL he hears from the crowd a lot more.

Off the ice there are more fans and more autographs for an NHL player.

He always wanted to play in the NHL and says he must work hard to stay with the Sabres. He hopes to be with the club again, next season.

CONT. ED BEGINS

Spring term for continuing education classes at Niagara College begins April 25. Spring/summer classes begin May 2 and 3.



LINDA VENNARI

"Who knows? I might teach skating—on an amateur basis, that is," she said with a smile.

Skater wins gold medal

Linda Venneri, a third year data processing management student, received her figure skating gold medal in dance earlier this year.

Linda, 21, started skating at the age of eight but did not take it seriously until she was 13.

At 13, she was a registered member of the Tisdale Figure Skating Club in South Porcupine. She is now registered with the St. Catharines' Winter Club.

Linda received her gold during a test day the Winter Club in St. Catharines in February.

Linda is working on a "variation dance," a waltz which she will perform with a partner at the end of April in St. Catharines.

"I like skating and would like to do it on my spare time," she said.

Linda plans a future in data processing but will always skate.

Sports comment

Niagara College students have been showing a lack of interest in most school events except pubs. It's time something was done to give spirit to Niagara.

Most of Niagara's teams do well during the season but they haven't had the crowds to cheer them on. This season both men and women's basketball teams made the playoffs and did rather well.

It's hard for a college with no residence to have strong fan support, but if a pub can attract 200 to 300 people a hockey or basketball game should attract at least 100. This year 30 to 35 have shown up at the games and they were mostly parents and family.

Peter Rylander, director of athletics, suggests pubs be held the same night as the games. He said this might increase attendance at the games for next year.

Niagara isn't the largest college in the province but more involvement and school spirit could make it the best.

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Annual sports banquet to honor top athletes

The annual sports banquet honoring Niagara College's outstanding athletes will be held tomorrow evening in the cafeteria.

Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of sports, will be the master of ceremonies.

A 15-minute film, produced by radio television students to

highlight some of the college's top athletes and teams, will be shown.

The banquet will honor the top varsity athletes and teams along with the intramural champions.

Invitations have been extended to Jacqueline Roberts, college president, and Welland mayor Eugene Stranges.

Old Timers lose tough decision to Old Dogs

By BILL POTRECEZ
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Old Timers lost a tough 3-2 decision to the St. Catharines Old Dogs in the finals of a tournament held in Thorold on the weekend of March 25-27.

With financial aid from the college, the Old Timers, comprising Niagara College faculty, participated in the tournament which included teams from the Niagara area and out-of-town teams.

To reach the finals, the team, coached by Ed Zanetti, finished first in their division by winning their first two games by 5-3 and 2-1. In their third game, the Old Timers came back from a 4-1 deficit to earn a 4-4 tie.

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Niagara Knights' coach Fred Bassi was the top scorer with seven goals while Barry Sharpe and Rick Brown handled the net-minding duties. Mr. Brown was especially impressive as he allowed only one goal and reminded

observers of the Leafs' Mike Palmateer as he kicked out shot after shot.

"We would like to enter the tournament again next year," Mr. Green said. "Everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves."

"We were scared to death at first," admitted Mr. Green. "But we settled down and played well in all the games."

Every Thursday night for the last 14 seasons, members of the faculty have assembled at the Welland arena and donned the blades for their weekly hockey game.

Judging by their performance in the tournament, it is evident you can teach an old dog new tricks.

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Tarot Cards tell future, decipher personality

By CAROL ALAIMO
Staff Writer

Fortunetelling. Somehow, the word conjures up an image of a dimly-lit room, of a dark-haired, slightly ugly old woman sporting heavy gold jewelry and long fingernails.

Second-year journalism student Vanessa Batcules is the resident fortune teller in the Niagara News office. Vanessa, 27, has studied the mysteries of the tarot (ta-ro) deck for about four years.

When she offered to read my cards, I was hesitant.

Ever the probing reporter, I acquiesced only because I thought it would make a good feature story. Vanessa and I had just met. We knew nothing about each other except for our names, ages, and the fact that we are both in the journalism program.

Vanessa, bright and articulate, sat at a stark table in a brilliantly-lit room as my reading began. (So much for the ugly old woman with the long fingernails.) She laid six cards face up on the table and instructed me to pick one I felt "drawn to." She explained that the card would be used to represent me—it is called an indicator card. (The cards can mean different things when they appear in various indicator spots.)

I had picked a card called the Empress. Vanessa said that a woman who picks this card is going through personal growth and development and is a mother. It was a good start. She was right on both counts.

Skeptical

I was skeptical as we continued. Much of the information in the cards was generalized—it could have applied to anyone. In a few instances, however, there were startling parallels drawn to things happening in my life.

Was it a mystical message or merely an unusual coincidence?

Vanessa turned up a particular card in the indicator spot of Something That Is Helping You Right Now. She said the cards were saying I have the power of the written word, language aptitude, and that I will be in some kind of communications work, either writing or broadcasting. "Sure," I said to myself. "She knows you're a journalism student. That card could mean anything and you would have to take her word for it that it means what she says."

Eagerly, I snatched the tarot guide book from the table top beside us. I was going to nail her!

Upon looking up that exact card, I found that it did, indeed,

May install park benches

To install park benches between the Merritt and Black Walnut buildings was the best suggestion received by the Student Administrative Council (SAC) last month. Eleanor Snider, health science instructor, submitted the suggestion and is the winner for March.

Carmen Angi, SAC president, said the need for benches is definitely there; however, he is hesitant as to whether wood benches should be installed because of vandalism. He said SAC intends to look into this by contacting college officials.

"With their approval, we hope to see benches installed during the month of April," he said.



Vanessa Batcules, left, reads the future for Carol Alaimo, indicate exactly what Vanessa had said.

She wasn't finished with me yet. In another revelation, she told me: "There is something around you right now, a relationship, where the give-and-take of life is missing. One is giving and the other is taking. It is not balanced. This person in the relationship believes money equals power, is possessive, likes to have control of a situation, and is into material state more than a spiritual state."

"This person," she said, "is a Capricorn." BINGO!

While I won't reveal the delicious details, I can say that I was absolutely hypnotized as Vanessa spoke. My mind's eye zeroed in. I knew exactly of whom she was speaking!

When she finished with the part about being a Capricorn, I was little more than a breathless, crumpled heap.

While she could have been guessing about the rest, the odds were one in 12 of her being right about the astrological sign of the person she spoke of. I was impressed.

"The cards, I am told," Vanessa said, "are a way for the subconscious to get in touch with the conscious. Your subconscious picks the cards and where they will fall. This works whether or not you have a knowledge of the cards and symbols."

She said the cards indicate I am

artistic, creative, independent, a good conversationalist, and that I will be very successful. Some would disagree, but I think she was right on those points.

The origins of the tarot cards are said to be buried in the mists of time. The art is believed to have derived from ancient Egyptian and Indian philosophies. Tarot-reading was re-discovered in the Renaissance and has been intermittently popular ever since.

Two ways

There are two ways of reading the cards. Some readers go strictly by the book, interpreting the symbols just as they appear in the tarot guide book. Other readers read partly by the book, but get feelings about the cards as they appear. Vanessa said she gets feelings about the reading and uses them as a guide.

"Sometimes, I don't know why, I feel I have to say something, something that is extra to what the card is saying," she said.

Looking back on my experiment with fortune telling, I find myself half-skeptical and half-believing. But my journalistic mind tells me there must be a formula for the success and popularity of this art that has entertained for centuries.

"Tarot-reading is simply yourself talking to yourself through the cards," Vanessa said.

As if I don't talk to myself enough now!

From Page 1 Motorcycle

limited to 20 per class and, as individual attention is important, there is one instructor per five students. The first class starts on April 16.

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Achieve leadership

Develop leadership qualities and know the job to lead others was some advice Dave Durdan, training manager for Sears, St. Catharines, told retail management students.

Personnel is the main aspect in retail, he said. Managers must not try to retrain people to get rid of their weaknesses but rather "start working with their strengths."

Mr. Durdan told the future managers to know their personnel and their problems, weaknesses and strengths.

In getting a managerial position, it is important for the applicant to go in with a "positive attitude" and present himself well.

NO GAP

Mr. Durdan said there is no "large gap" between college and university students. The important aspect is to have good marks since they show dedication, ambition and hardwork.

A big change in retail has been the use of computers, he said. They cut down on the "boring everyday clerical jobs" while creating more jobs in retailing. Computers are used for controlling inventory re-ordering and making decisions on market opportunities.

Sears Robuck in the U.S. is five years ahead of Canada concerning computers, he said. It has more money to spend and got into the system earlier.

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